GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering to create a fund titled National Environment Fund;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the break up of `National Environment Fund` in terms of Public Sector and Private Sector Fund;

(d) whether the Government propose to collect cess on forest products; and

(e) if so, the steps taken by the Government to meet the total financial requirement for replanting and regeneration of forests ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS

(SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI)

(a), (b) & (c) The concept of an environment fund at the national level is at a nascent stage.

(d) No, Sir

(e) Does not arise

(d) There is no proposal with Central Government to collect cess on forest products.However, some of the States have levied Forest Development Tax on the sale of forest produce.